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TO ALL NEAR EASTERN AND SOUTH ASIAN DIPLOMATIC POSTS IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT: UNESCO 18TH GC:INSTRUCTIONS ON ARAB RESOLUTION SEEKING SANCTION OF ISRAEL FOR JERUSALEM EXCAVATIONS

REFS: A) PARIS 25558; B) PARIS 25712; C) STATE 240171

1. REFS. A AND B, NOW BEING REPEATED TO ADDRESSEES, DESCRIBE SERIOUS SITUATION WHICH HAS COME UP AT 18TH UNESCO GC NOW MEETING IN PARIS. SOME 36 COUNTRIES, ARAB, MOSLEM, SOCIALIST BLOC, INDIA, SRI LANKA AND SOMALIA HAVE INTRODUCED RESOLUTION WHICH IF PASSED WOULD APPLY SANCTIONS AGAINST ISRAEL BECAUSE OF JERUSALEM EXCAVATIONS.

2. U. S. PUBLIC AND CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST IN THIS MATTER IS VERY STRONG.

3. ADDRESSEE POSTS ARE REQUESTED TO TAKE UP MATTER URGENTLY WITH HOST GOVERNMENTS, DRAWING AS APPROPRIATE PER INSTRUCTIONS REF. C, WHICH IS ALSO BEING REPEATED. ADDRESSEES ARE FOR MOST PART, WITH EXCEPTION OF AFRICAN POSTS, COSPONSORS OF ARAB RESOLUTION IN QUESTION.

4. FYI:U.S. PERMREP TO UNESCO HAS REPORTED BY TELEPHONE

NOVEMBER 1 THAT KEY ARAB REPS. (ALGERIAN, SAUDI, EGYPTIAN) SAY THEIR HANDS TIED ON THIS ISSUE BECAUSE OF POSITION IN CAPITALS. PERM REP ALSO REPORTS BETTER THAN EVEN CHANCE THAT CRUCIAL VOTE AT UNESCO GC CAN BE POSTPONED UNTIL AFTER NOVEMBER 4. END FYI.

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4(B) OF REF. (C) WITH GOI, ALSO REQUEST EMBASSY EXPLORE WITH GOI POSSIBILITY OF SOME ACTION OR GESTURE BY ISRAELIS WHICH WOULD GO AT LEAST PART WAY IN MEETING THE OBVIOUSLY DEEPLY-FELT ARAB/MOSLEM FEELINGS ON THIS ISSUE. USG IS PROVIDING ISRAEL WITH STRONG SUPPORT; BUT OUR ABILITY TO DO THIS AND TO COALESCE BACKING TO SOFTEN RESOLUTION WILL ALSO DEPEND IMPORTANTLY ON ISRAELI GOODWILL AND READINESS TO BE FORTHCOMING.

6. REPORT IMMEDIATE TO DEPT. WITH INFO. NESCO,PARIS. INGERSOLL

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